

On the 19th December last, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, I visited Eddy Lodge, of Hull. The meeting was largely attended, and representatives were present from nearly all the Lodges in Ottawa District. The Second Degree was conferred, and the work was done in a most creditable manner. A very enjoyable feature of the evening was a visit from M. W. Bro. the Rev. Canon O'Meara, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. It was a source of very great pleasure to me to make the acquaintance of this distinguished Craftsman, and to be able to accord him a most hearty and fraternal welcome to this jurisdiction. I am sure the Brethren who had the pleasure of listening to his eloquent remarks will long remember his visit. May he be spared for many years to occupy the high position he so ably and worthily fills, and to continue his works of usefulness to our Brethren of the Prairie Province. After the close of the Lodge a magnificent collation was enjoyed, at which a large number of the Brethren were present. The able and zealous D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Garrioch, was indefatigable in his attentions to the Grand Secretary and myself. Altogether, our visit was an exceedingly pleasant one.

On the 14th January, I had the pleasure of visiting Dorchester Lodge, of St Johns. I was accompanied on this occasion by R.W. Bro. Fyfe, D.D.G.M., and a number of other prominent Brethren from Montreal. We were most heartily received and hospitably entertained. The officers of the Lodge were regularly installed by R. W. Bro. Fyfe in an able and impressive manner, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was passed.

APPOINTMENTS.

Owing to the death of our esteemed Brother, the late R. W. Bro. Sword, the office of D.D.G.M. for Quebec and Three Rivers became vacant, and, after consultation with some of the prominent Brethren of that District, I named and appointed R. W. Bro. Henry Higgins, of Quebec City, to fill the vacancy.

On the 29th May, I appointed M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, of Sherbrooke, as Deputy Grand Master, to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of our late lamented Brother, R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss.

I trust these appointments may meet with your approbation.